RULES AND ORDERS

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I.

THAT the Members of this Society do meet at Mr. BARTHOLOMEW's Grounds, *Lower Holloway*, every SATURDAY Afternoon, at Four o'Clock by the Captain's Watch, for the Purpoſe of exerciſing ARCHERY, during the Months of APRIL, MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, and OCTOBER, which ſhall be deemed Summer Meetings: And

that there ſhall be Two Winter Meetings, for the Purpoſe of the Members of the Society dining together, viz. One in NOVEMBER and One in MARCH, on ſuch Days of the Month as ſhall be appointed by the Members preſent at the laſt Summer Meeting: One Week's previous Notice to be given by the Secretary to each Member.

II.

Every Member ſhall annually ſubſcribe at the Dinner Meeting in MARCH, the Sum of Three Guineas towards ſupporting a Fund for the general Purpoſes of the Society, and One Guinea for defraying the Expences of Refreſhments at the Weekly

Weekly Meetings; and every new Member ſhall pay, on the Day of his Admiſſion the like Sum of Three Guineas towards the Fund, and One Guinea for Refreſhments, and likewiſe an additional Guinea for his Admiſſion-Fee.

III.

At the Dinner Meeting in MARCH, the Officers for the current Year ſhall be choſen, viz. PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, TREASURER, SECRETARY, and KEEPER of STORES. And at the ſame Time the General Accounts of the Society ſhall be clearly ſtated, and preſented by the TREASURER, for the Inſpection of the Members.

IV.

The Uniform of this Society ſhall be a plain Green Cloth Coat, Yellow Buttons, with a Deſign emblematical of Archery, as fixed on by a Committee, Green Velvet Collar, plain Sleeve, ſmall Cuff without Buttons, Buff Waiſtcoat and Breeches of Cloth or Kerſeymere, with Buttons of the ſame Colour, White Silk Stockings and Muſcovy Boots: And the Shooting Accoutrements ſhall be a Buff Hat, with the under Part and Feather Green, Society Button and Gold Loop; alſo, a Buff Belt and Pouch, Green Taſſel and Black Leather Brace; a Gold Arrow upon the Collar, to be worn

worn on Target Days, or at Pleaſure: The Colour of the Cloth and Form of making up ſhall be exactly the ſame.

V.

Every Member ſhall appear at the Summer Meetings in his Uniform Coat and Waiſtcoat, with the proper Accoutrements; but on every Target Day he ſhall appear in the full Uniform of the Society, otherwiſe he ſhall not have the Privilege of ſhooting at that Target: And no Member ſhall be allowed to ſhoot at any Meeting of this Society, but with Arrows painted with his own proper and uſual Mark.

VI.

The Candidates for this Society ſhall be propoſed by a Member, and ſeconded at a regular Meeting, and ſhall be ballotted for ſeparately at the next Meeting after ſuch Nomination, not leſs than Five Members conſtituting a Ballot; and unleſs there ſhall be Two Black Balls, ſuch Candidate ſhall be duly elected, and ſhall furniſh himſelf with the Uniform and Accoutrements of the Society: And every Member preſent ſhall give his Vote either for or againſt any Queſtion propoſed.

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No Member ſhall be allowed to propoſe or ballot for any Candidate, or to ſhoot at any Meeting of this Society, until his annual Subſcription is paid.

VIII.

Each Member may introduce one Friend, as a Viſitor at the Dinner Meetings of the Society, paying Half a Guinea for his Admiſſion.

IX.

Honorary Members ſhall have the Privilege of ſhooting at the Weekly Meetings, and alſo of attending on the Dinner Days of the Society, paying at the former

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Two Shillings each Time, and at the latter their equal Share with the other Members.

X.

Any Member who ſhall break or looſe any of the Property of the Society, ſhall make good the ſame.

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I.

THAT there ſhall be Three Target Days annually; The Firſt, or SPRING TARGET, to be the laſt THURSDAY in APRIL; the Second, or SUMMER-TARGET, the laſt THURSDAY in JULY; and the Third, or AUTUMN TARGET, the firſt THURDSAY in OCTOBER, on which Days the Members of the Society are to dine together. The Place

Place for ſhooting the Targets ſhall be fixed on by the Captain and Lieutenant, who ſhall have the Management of the Targets and Dinner on thoſe Days: One Week's previous Notice to be given by the Secretary to each Member.

II.

The Targets ſhall be placed at One Hundred Yards Diſtance, and the Order of ſhooting as follows, viz. The Captain and Lieutenant, Preſident and Vice-Preſident, Treaſurer and Secretary, and the reſt of the Members according to Seniority.

III.

Two Medals ſhall be ſhot for at the

SPRING TARGET of this Society. The Member who ſhall make the greateſt Number of Shots in the Target, ſhall be Captain for the Year, and be entitled to the firſt Medal; and he who ſhall make the ſecond greateſt Number of Shots in the Target, ſhall be Lieutenant for the Year, and be entitled to the ſecond Medal; the Value of which Medals ſhall be fixed at the Dinner Meeting in MARCH, when the Rewards for the ſecond and third Target Days are alſo to be determined upon.

IV.

If any Diſpute whatſoever ſhall ariſe at any Target, it ſhall be determined by the Preſident

Preſident and Captain; but if it ſhall happen that either of them are intereſted in ſuch Diſpute, it ſhall in that Caſe be determined by the Majority of the Members preſent.

V.

No Alteration in any of the foregoing Rules ſhall take Place, nor any new ones be made, until ſuch Alteration or new Rule ſhall have been propoſed and ſeconded on a Target-Day, or at a Winter-Meeting, and approved of by Two-Thirds of the Members at a ſubſequent Meeting, of which One Week's previous Notice ſhall be given by the Secretary to every Member.

FORFEITS.

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For Non-Attendance at the WEEKLY MEETINGS, One Shilling.

For not appearing in UNIFORM, One Shilling.

For not attending in TIME, Sixpence.

For Non-Attendance on TARGET-DAYS, Seven Shillings and Sixpence.

For Non-Attendance at the WINTER-MEETINGS, Seven Shillings and Sixpence.

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In TESTIMONY of our Approbation of, and Intention to abide by these RULES and ORDERS, unanimously agreed to, and now confirmed at a Meeting of the Society, held the 11th Day of JULY, 1787, we have hereunto severally subscribed our Names.

THE END.